

An exhibition entitled *Easter Island, Myths and Popular Culture* opened in November 2010 at the Canning House in Belgrave Square, London. The full exhibition is currently on display at the Captain Cook Birthplace Museum, Marton Middlesborough from March 5 to September 4, 2011. The exhibition will then travel to the Kon-Tiki Museum, where it will be on display from October 6, 2011 until March 31, 2012. Finally, the exhibition will travel homeward and will be installed at the Museo Antropológico Padre Sebastián Englert on Rapa Nui from May 8 until September 30, 2012. The exhibition includes 7 replica *moai* that were made especially for this travelling exhibition, as well as an additional replica statue that was housed at the Chilean Embassy in London for the international symposium entitled *Easter Island: Cultural and Historical Perspectives*, which was held on November 19, 2010. Speakers at the symposium included Ian Conrich, University of Essex; Albert Davletshin, Russian State University for the Humanities; Maxi Haase, University of Heidelberg; Sue Hamilton, University College London; Martyn Harris, Birkbeck, University of London; Grant McCall, University of New South Wales; Hermann Mueckler, University of Vienna; Phil Philo, Captain Cook Birthplace Museum; Rafal Wieczorek, University of Rome III; Colin Richards, University of Manchester; Roy Smith, Nottingham Trent University and Ruth Whitehouse, University College London.

The exhibition is curated by Dr. Ian Conrich, who is a Fellow at the Department of Literature, Film and Theatre Studies at the University of Essex. Dr. Conrich was assisted by Dr. Roy Smith and Martyn Harris (co-curators) as well as Dr. Dan Bendrups, Dr. Grant McCall, and Frieder Wall in putting together the exhibition. It contains over 300 images, 150 objects, as well as a number of interactive components. The focus of the exhibition is on how the image of the *moai* has attracted worldwide attention and captured the imagination of people worldwide.

EASTER ISLAND FOUNDATION NEWS

EIF Office News

The Complete Guide to Easter Island is now officially out of print. A new guidebook, *Easter Island: The Essential Guide* will be published in 2011. This up-to-date guidebook, authored by EIF Vice-President Kay Kenady Sanger, will be similar in format to the classic long out-of-print book, *An Uncommon Guide to Easter Island* by Georgia Lee. It will focus on everything the first-time traveler needs to know about getting to Easter Island and includes information on places to visit, where to stay and eat, history, etc.

The EIF has received several interesting book donations including the beautiful book *Easter Island. An Epic Voyage* (the full color catalog from the recent 2010 exhibition at the Montreal Museum of Archaeology and History); Religious

and Cosmic Beliefs of Central Polynesia (a 2-volume set), and *The Social and Political Systems of Central Polynesia* (a 3-volume set), both by R.W. Williamson. Additional details are available on islandheritage.org.

New original copies of the long out-of-print *Easter Island Bulletin #5, Easter Island Settlement Patterns in the Late Prehistoric and Protohistoric Periods* by Patrick McCoy are available for purchase. Other recently acquired titles include *The Eighth Land* (Thomas Barthel) \$30 (this might be of interest to those who read the articles about the German-Chilean Expedition to Easter Island by Steven Fischer in the last 2 issues of RNJ). For our Spanish readers, we have a new publication: *Rapa Nui. Un Mundo Perdido al Este de Polinesia. La Última Expedición de Thor Heyerdahl* by Francesc Amorós (2010). On our web site dozens more Easter Island titles are available in English, French, Spanish and German. Please take a look at islandheritage.org (click on Publications) for a detailed listing.

As always, we thank all of you who have renewed your EIF memberships in a timely fashion; we hope you don't mind getting a reminder by email occasionally. It helps to keep our costs down and is better for the environment.

Our website is still slowly growing; in 2011 we hope to have selected back issues of the *Rapa Nui Journal* available. This project will be made possible with the assistance of Dan Ingersoll, professor of Anthropology at St. Mary's College of Maryland. We have recently created a new page with information on Easter Island accommodations and will be adding to it regularly. Other plans include the addition of educational information for students. We will also be adding updated information about the conference on Easter Island and the Pacific to be held in Santa Rosa, CA, in 2012.

As always, we thank our members for their support of the Easter Island Foundation and its projects!

EIF Scholarship Recipients for 2011 Announced

Providing scholarships to students with Rapanui ancestry who wish to further their education is one of the mission objectives of the Easter Island Foundation. Since our program began in 2002, we have awarded 33 scholarships totalling \$70,750! Donations received in 2011 will be used for scholarships awarded in 2012. To make a donation to the scholarship program, please contact: scholarships@islandheritage.org. We are proud to be able to award five scholarships in 2011 and we thank everyone who contributed to the EIF's successful scholarship program.



Presentation of 2011 EIF Scholarships, pictured left to right: Barbara Gaete Tuki (Mildred R. Donoghue Award, Year 2), Tavake Riroroco Cabezas (Mildred R. Donoghue Award, Year 2), Marla Wold (EIF Scholarship Committee Chair), Vaitiare Tucki Rengifo (Fraternal Order of Moai Award), Cecilia Hormazabal Araki (Nicolas Haoa Haoa Sr. Award), Merahi Lopez Atam (Fraternal Order of Moai Tangata Manu Award); also pictured are past winners Ana Huke Fuentes (2010) and Maria Eugenia Huke Fuentes (2008).

The Fraternal Order of Moai Tangata Manu Scholarship:
\$2,500 awarded to Merahi Lopez Atam.



Merahi is studying archaeology in Santiago, Chile, at the Universidad Internacional SEK. She is also enrolled in the Master's program in social anthropology at the Universidad Academia Humanismo Cristiano, also in Santiago. She decided to join the masters program since "it is necessary to internalize social topics to complement the archaeological works with the history and the sociocultural legacy of the island" and to study archaeology "to be able to investigate the history of my culture and transmit my knowledge to the new generations of Rapanui."

The Fraternal Order of Moai Scholarship: \$2,000
awarded to Vaitiare Tucki Rengifo.



Vaitiare is studying physical education at the Universidad de Viña del Mar, Chile. She would like to pursue kinesiology and specialize in the area of health for the disabled and pregnant women. She has many ideas about improving the quality of life of the disabled, especially those who might feel somewhat "abandoned." She would like to see a center established on the island for people with disabilities, where they can receive the physical therapy they need.

The Nicolas Haoa Haoa Sr. Scholarship: \$2000 awarded to Cecilia Hormazabal Araki.



Cecilia is studying nursing at the Universidad de Santo Tomás in Viña del Mar, where she also works on call as a paramedic. When she completes her degree, she hopes to facilitate better quality patient care on Rapa Nui, which will help eliminate the custom of having to travel to Chile for treatment since many Rapanui cannot afford to fly to the mainland for health care. Her Rapanui ancestry will enable her to communicate more effectively with patients. She is especially interested in working with the elderly and notes that the scholarship will help her to achieve her goal, which is to facilitate professional and human quality health care for all who need it.

The Mildred R. Donoghue Scholarship (Year 2): \$2,500 awarded to Tavake Riroroco Cabezas.



Tavake is studying commercial engineering at the Universidad de Viña del Mar, Chile. She would like to one day specialize in finance or production. She hopes to start her own business someday on the island.

The Mildred R. Donoghue Scholarship (Year 2): \$2,500 awarded to Barbara Gaete Tuki



Barbara is studying phonoaudiology at the Universidad de Valparaíso. She would like to work within the schools, hospital and private sector helping patients with hearing, speaking, language, voice and learning problems. She is also interested in waste and garbage management on Rapa Nui and would like to see increased responsibility of both residents and visitors.